LIGHTENING FIRE HORSE'S LOT

BRIAN G. HUGHES BUYS NO. 679 AT HOSPITAL SALE.

Herein is Contained the Chit-Chat Among the Disabled Steeds of the Department Before They Go to the Block to Be Disposed of as Nearly Worthless.

The red flag bung outside the Rise Department hospital in West Ninety-ninth street yesterday. Shortly after 16 o'clock due of the stable men began to ring a bell. The score or more of aged and indigent smoke eaters orunching oats in their stalls the second flobr pricked up their ears, but decided soon that it was not an alarm. For nine of them it meant cause for alarm because a sale of fire borses, not a fire sale

Paddy Smith, head nurse of the hospital. ordered the other nurses to get the nine in line and to bring them down the ramp one at a time as they were needed by Mr. Doblin, official auctioneer. The oldest horse, 872, was to be sold first by right of seniority. Old 672 didn't know just what was coming to him. For the last twelve years he had done good service pulling Truck 19-ever be was a little tot 6 years old-but never before had he been lined up with a lot of his kind and he was puzzled.

He had told that he was from 10 because he was proud of his record, though most of the others kept their past a secret. They were in hospital-they knew that and their number was sufficient for the rest to know. Of course a lot of them had met from time to time when duty called them to the same are, but there was a bit of professional jealousy left because some had been attached to the buggies that had drawbattalion chiefs: others had been attached te engines, some had simply drawn hose carts, while one—and never mind his number—had had the lowly job of pulling a

As gently as he could Paddy Smith told them of their fate. Two youngsters who had been condomned because of their vicious habits gave little snorts and remarked that they didn't care a damn.

"There's may think cartain who there's the contains the cont

"There's one thing certain, whatever the succioneer may say about us he won't tell the worst, and we have a lot of time left yet the worst, and we have a lot of time left yet to get even with some fool of a truck driver." It ought to be a consolation to know that comething good will be said of you," meered 804, who is almost as old as 672. "As far as I can see, an auctioneer is the only man who would praise you."

"Out that out, boys," remarked Paddy.
"You young fellows ought to act better."

"For my own part. I would rather be

"For my own part, I would rather be in the department, but I guess it is just as well," said 880, a bit sadly. "I ain't quite sure who will buy me and what sort of hours I will get. True, I did have to go out all times of the night and day, but there weren't many alarms in my district and I had it pretty easy. Plenty to eat and a good stall."

"Once when there

"Once when there was a big fire down-town I got to Wall street," said 672. "There were a lot of sleek looking men around there and one of the horses that were in that there and one of the horses that were in that district told me that they were brokers and made lots of money. And there were some who didn't look quite so prosperous. They came out of dingy little holes in the wall in New street. They used to be brokers, but they just hang about the bucket shops now and buy \$5 worth of stocks, when once they traded in millions, the horse that knew told me. I feel like one of those bucket shop pikers now."

"Never mind, old man, cheer up, the worst is yet to come," said 1796, the youngest of the bunch. "There are a lot of plugs pulling stages on Fifth avenue that look

worst is yet to come, said the, the years of the bunch. "There are a lot of plugs pulling stages on Fifth avenue that look older than you, for all the years that are yours. And say, if you just want to be comfortable, think of the things that pull Belt Line cars and of those poor devils that drag the dinky little boxes people ride on through Twenty-eighth and Twenty-eighth atracts.

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"At least you have been respectable.
You never were in the racing game like
Brother Thomas is, and you never have
been touted to win and come in last in a
big field. That is something to be proud
of. Your work has been to protect the
home. The best those racing fellows can
do is to take the bread out of the mouths
of wives and children."

"Well, for mine, anything but a milk
wagon." said 1517.

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"Milk wagons are not so bad—the cream of the business, I should say," remarked

"You used to pull a hose cart, didn't you?" asked 672. "From my experience the stuff that goes in the bottles contains a lot of the liquid that travels through the hose, so I guess the milk wagon business would make you feel at home."

"You ought to pull an ash cart, seeing that you were so slow that your company was always last at the fire," laughed 1246.
"That's all right, old man. I was only loking. I know you were always first in

joking. I know you were always first in harness when the gong sounded, and your company has a record second to none in the department

Then Paddy Smith came. "Boys," he said, "the crowd has gathered and it looks pretty good. Maybe it won't be so bad for any of you. Come along, 672, you are going first." The antique fire eater walked slowly

The antique fire eater walked slowly down the ramp where the crowd waited.

Mr. Doblin stood on a beer keg.

"Gentlemen, this is one of the best horses in the department. He is being sold chiefly because he is so good. There is no pension fund and the only way to recognize the good services of such an animal is to put him on the block that some kind heavited man may get the chance of doing. hearted man may get the chance of doing an actual act of charity. This horse is only 16 years old, and for twelve years he has been in the hook and ladder business. He been in the hook and ladder business. He is sound and gentle; as my old friend David Harum would say, will stand without hitching or being propped up and a lady can drive him if she knows how. How much am I offered?"

The crowd was timid—all except one.

"Five dollars?" cried Mr. Doblin. "Why, is hear the house the work of the late.

his shoes are worth that to hang up about the house for good luck. There is enough hair in his tail to make an antique chair t, to say nothing of the razor stropslin hide. Five dollars? Surely you are

The crowd got in action. Dollar by dollar the bids rose until the content the bids rose until the contest became spirited. Above the fifty mark the bids dropped to 50 cents at the time and finally

\$72 was sold for \$67.50.

"Name, please," asked Mr. Doblin. The man who had bid highest handed up a card and Mr. Doblin smiled.

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One by one the others came down the ramp and were sold. For 804 \$80 was paid, 1246 brought \$105 and 1546 the tep price, \$115. The lowest price of the day was paid for 1766, who fetched only \$50.

The man who had bought 672 tied a big card to the halter. It read: "Brian G. Hughes, Boxer, America."

There was a smile of satisfaction on the face of 672, but when the others heard of it they gave him the horse laugh.

"You are going to be a joke," they cried in chorus.

WOULD AMEND UTILITIES BILL. Se as to Permit Certain Trolley Line Consolidations.

An effort to secure an amendment of the public utilities bill so as to permit consolidations of non-competitive trolley lines is to be made by a number of traction men who met in this city yesterday as representamet in this city yesterday as representa-tives of important electric traction com-panies up-state. In several districts of the State, these traction men say, con-solidation of connecting lines would greatly increase transportation facilities. Such consolidations could not be effected without great difficulty if the bill were to pass in its present form.

An amendment to be submitted to the Legislature provides that a company hold-

Legislature provides that a company hold-ing a majority of the stock of another coming a majority of the stock of another com-pany be permitted to acquire the minority holdings and in case of a merger that the stock of a new corporation may be taken in exchange for the stock of any of the con-actidated or merged corporations. Without such a provision, it is maintained, there will be made impossible several mergers which would be beneficial to the public. SCHROEDER DENIES CHARGES.

Rev. Moches Gives a Hearing to the Quare

ALBANY, May 17 .- There was a hearing before Gov. Hughes and his legal adviser, Edward Sanford, here to-day on the charges preferred against Quarantine Commissioner Frederick H. Schroeder of Brooklyn, The complainant, Frederick G. Milligan, Sr., alleged that Schroeder made him enter into an agreement to pay him \$1,000 annually of hie salary. Milligan was superinendent of the Hoffman Island establishment of the Quarantine Commission until his discharge on March 7, 1903. He appeared with his son, Frederick G. Milligan, Jr., and with William P Richardson as counsel.

Commissioner Schroeder entered a general denial of the charge and was present before the Governor with Judge Jacob Brenner as counsel, and with an array of witnesses, including Congressman Dunwell Thomas Crowns; Court of Claims Judge Charles H. Murray, a former Quarantine Commissioner, Superintendent Frank M. Barstow, Louis Hoffman and Quarantine ioner Simonson.

The first witnesses were Milligan and his son and Commissioner Schroeder. Mr. Sanford confined the examination conducted ford confined the examination conducted by counsel to questions bearing upca pay-ments of money made by the complainant. Questions as to whether Milligan was not discharged because of intoxication, abuse of employees and seduction were ruled out. Milligan said he paid Schroeder \$1,000 a year for six years and produced a number of checks to bear out his statements.

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The checks were for only part of the amount which he asserted he turned over to the Commissioner, and he declared that the remaining checks had been destroyed. He stopped his payments in 1901 and subsequently Schroeder told him that he would have to pay him again. Once Schroeder came to him and told him that he needed the money because stocks had gone wrong on him. Schroeder had sold to him certain mining stock which he had told Milligan was a "good thing." The stock certificates were produced for \$3,750. Milligan asserted that he had never given a check to Schroeder for a campaign contribution.

Young Milligan said that he had heard Schroeder denied Milligan's testimony in detail, and said that the only money he had ever received from Milligan was in payment for campaign contributions. These contributions he had received street times.

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It developed that the gold mining company in which Schroeder took an interest sufficient to take 25,000 shares of the average value of \$1, and in which he let Milligan have an interest, had never paid a cent of dividends, had gone into the hands of a receiver and was not now operating. He told of disposing of various shares and said he sold 1,500 shares to "Bob" Sharkey. He said that Sharkey had a long time to pay for them. Sharkey until recently was Naval Officer of the Port of New York. He is a Brooklyn Republican district leader. Schroeder admitted that he dish t get receipts for the certificates he delivered

INNOCENT WOMAN LONG IN JAIL Confession of the "Queen of Burglars" Said to Have Been False -Police Accused.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., May 17 .- When Mary Brown, a fashionably dressed woman, was arrested in Pelham last December and confessed to at least a dozen burglaries in Mount Verson and vicinity the police called her the "Queen of Burglars." Confessions supposed to have been made to Chief of Police Marks of Pelham were to Chief of Police Marks of Pelham were so startling that the police in the towns along the Sound thought that she was the leader of the gang that fleeced residents of the suburbs of thousands of dollars worth of booty. The woman was sentenced by Justice Karback to six months in the Kings county penitentiary on a charge of vagrancy. Since her confinement she has been in the insane ward, and within a few days will be transferred to Matteawan.

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Now Chief of Police Foley of Mount Vernon comes forward with the statement that the woman has a good character and never committed a robbery in her life, and that she was demented when sentenced. He also says that while she was confined in the Pelham lockup she was practically starved and that a gun was held to her head by, a Pelham policeman and a threat made to kill her if she did not confess to committing a score of Mount to committing a score of

Vernon burglaries.

Chief Foley believes that a great wrong has been done by the Pelham authorities to an innocent woman, and an effort will be made to free her.

TENDERLOIN ROUNDUP.

Policemen Back on Duty Before Bisorderly Houses Arrest 46 Women.

Police Commissioner Bingham three days ago ordered back to their precincts seventeen men who had been assigned to special duty in the Tenderloin, where they were posted before alleged disorderly houses to warn persons of the character of the places. Since the men were removed Capt. McClusky of the Tenderloin station, has received numerous complaints from people who said that women solicited them from the win-dows of houses.

Last night four detectives were sent out at 9 o'clock, and an hour and a half later the Tenderloin police station was crowded with women. There were forty-six in all, and most of them came from houses on one block in West Twenty-ninth street. The block in west Iwenty-initial street. The detactives said that they waited until they were accosted from the windows and then went in and arrested everybody.

Two women were arrested on warrants charging them with being the keepers of disorderly houses.

NEW BROADWAY THEATRE.

Klaw & Erlanger to Have One to Be Buil at Forty-sixth Street.

Klaw & Erlanger will be the lessees of he new theatre to be erected on the southwest corner of Broadway and Forty-sixth The new theatre will cost approximately half a million dollars. Herts & Tallant will execute the plans for the new playhouse and will supervise the con-

lease, which is for a long term of years, is now being prepared, the terms having been decided upon at recent conferences. Building preparations will begin immediately and the theatre will be ready for occupancy about January 1. The seat-ing capacity will be about 1,000. The bouse, for which a name has not been se-lected, will be operated as a high class theatre, playing only the best attractions.

News of Plays and Players. .

George M. Cohan will open the summer season at the New Amsterdam Aerial Theatre Monday evening, June 3, in "The Honeymooners," a new edition of his successful farce formerly played under the title of "Running for Office." The principals are Running for Office. The principals are Jerry J. Cohan and Mrs. Helen F. Cohan. William Keogh, James H. Manning, Jack Webster, John Keefe, Joseph Smith Marba, Joseph Lewis, Howard Stevens, Gertrude Hoffmann, Leona Anderson, Leola Rhodes and Alice Merrill. The scenes are laid

and Alice Merrill. The scenes are laid in Hazlenut, Vermont.

W. A. Brady concluded negotiations yesterday for the appearance of Miss Grace George at the Duke of York's Theatre, London, on June 10, in "Divorcons." The company will close at Wallack's Theatre on May 39, and Miss George, Frank Worthing and Max Freeman will sail on June 1. The remainder of the company will be engaged in London.

Hann Quits District Leadership.

Alderman John Hann has retired as the Republican executive committeeman of the Twenty-third Assembly district in Brooklyn and Reuben L. Haskell has been elected in his place. Mr. Hann says that he has found the pressure on him as district leader so oner ous that he had little time left for his private business. Mr. Haskell, Alderman Hann's ses. Mr. Haskell, Alderman sess., fs a lawyer, a Cornell graduate a Spanish American war veteran.

HUGHES WATCHING THE SENATE

FRIENDS SAY HE WILL FIGHT FOR FAIR REAPPORTIONMENT.

He Will Not Let the Legislature Run Away and Dodge His Veto of the Bill Already Prepared by the Raines Com uld That Bill Be Passed as It Is.

ALBANY, May 17 .- It is now regarded as certain that Gov. Hughes will not let the Legislature run away and try to dodge his veto message of the reapportionment bill that, as far as the committee appointed by Senator Raines yesterday is concerned, has already been drafted. That bill will provide for but two changes in the plan of reapportionment. They will be for the Second and Thirteenth districts. The Senate districts up-State will not be changed.

The Governor's friends say he is ready to fight. While he cannot call the Legislature back in extra session he has other resources at his command to compel a reapportionment that will be fair and constitutional. The Legislature would not dare to adjourn should the Governor ask it to remain in session until he had had time to consider the reapportionment bill that

is to be passed. The announcement to-day that there was great likelihood of the Attorney-General rendering an opinion that Senators must be elected next fall is likely to change the situation completely. Senators who are in Albany are now inquiring about that. Senator Grady says that, in his opinion, s new Senate must be elected. He says that constitutional lawyers disagree on that point, but the preponderance of opinion is

that a new Senate must be elected next fall. This will have the effect of causing some Senators who are said to be in a mood to bolt the caucus of Republican Senators on Monday night on the public utilities commissions bill to consider well what this would mean to them, for they wouldn't like to run for office again and explain to their constituents why they voted to sustain Kelsey, as well as against the utilities

Senator Page to-day said he didn't believe there would be any bolting, but his views are not shared by all of the friends of Gov. Hughes. Unless an emergency message is received from the Governor saying that the bills should be passed without being reprinted and on the desks of members for three days it cannot be passed by the

Senate next week.

The caucus on Monday night will accept several amendments which have been submitted to the Governor and which he says can be made. The Senate Judiciary Common be made. can be made. The Senate Judiciary Committee will insert these amendments on Tuesday. The bill then cannot be reported to the Senate until Wednesday, so that if the regular order is followed it will not be until Monday night. May 27, that the bill can be taken up and passed in the Senate.

The reapportionment committee is to meet next week and prepare the bill that is to be reported to the Senate.

The Governor is beaten in the committee on any plan by a vote of five to four. This is crediting Senator Tully with being with the Governor, which is doubtful, for Senator Raines understands Senator Tully pretty thoroughly.

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Senator Tully supported Superintendent of Insurance Kelsey for "personal reasons," and he would have a more personal reason for not wishing a general reapportionment, for under a redistricting t would mean that his district would be completely changed. Senators Agnew and Cobb are sure to be with the Governor, while Senator Gilchrist might also be, but it is doubtful

HOPE FOR NIGHT COURT BILL.

Senator Agnew and Magistrate Whitman Agree on Its Wording.

Senator Agnew and Magistrate Whitman had a conference yesterday over the status of the night police court bill which the Senator introduced at Albany more than two months ago and which the Senate passed unanimously. Owing to the passage of a bill increasing the number of Magistrates in Kings and Queens, it has become necessary to amend the Agnew bill so that Brooklyn me if it becomes a law.

Senator Agnew and Magistrate Whitman agreed upon the wording of the amendments, and the revised bill will be taken to Albany on Monday and will be put in charge Albany on Monday and will be put in charge of the Assembly rules committee, which has already voted to report it. Senator Agnew is in hopes that the bill will be passed early in the week by the Assembly and thus make sure of its repassage in the Senate hits amended form.

Senator Agnew wanted it understood yesterday that he was not responsible in any way for the juggling through which the bill has passed since it went from the Senate to the Assembly.

Assemblyman Voss and the Utilities Bil Assemblyman Voss of Brooklyn, who was credited with saying at Albany on Wednesday that he was opposed to the public utilities bill, and was voting for it only because was a party measure, said last night that

he made no such statement.

"I have been in favor of the bill," he said,
"because I believe it will be beneficial to my
district, but I have not been in sympathy
with putting the power of removal in the
hands of the Governor. I said at Albany hands of the Governor. I said at Albany that while I had the greatest respect for Gov. Hughes, and would not mind putting the power of removal in his hands, I was opposed to giving future Governors that

ONE PRIMARY FIGHT OFF. Baldwin Quits in Lantry's District-Called

off by Murphy. Charles F Murphy has begun to make good his prediction of Tuesday night, that within a few weeks there would be peace between the City Hall and Fourteenth Street, and that one of the results would be the calling off of all the threatened primary fights.

When Fire Commissioner Lantry refused to break away from the Mayor, one of he first things the Tammany leader did was to make plans to take Lantry's district away from him. Ex-Alderman Thomas F. Baldwin, who had been one of Lantry's ieutenants, came out as a candidate for

From that time until yesterday Baldwin has been working vigorously in the district, and it is understood that not more than a week ago he told Murphy that he thought he had a good chance of winning out at the primaries. Yesterday Baldwin issued a primaries. Yesterday Baldwin issued a statement formally announcing that he had withdrawn from the contest for the leadership of the Sixteenth district, and dwelling upon the "splendid Democratic record" the district had made under the lead of Commissioner Lantry. It is safe to say now that Lantry will never hear anything more from the committee appointed by Murphy to try him on the charges of treachery, and that there will be no objection to his attending the next meeting of the executive committee.

STEPHENSON ELECTED SENATOR. Wisconsin Legislature Batifies Action Republican Caucus.

Mantson, Wis., May 17,-Issac Stephen

son of Marinette was elected United States Senator by the Wisconsin Leg slature at noon to-day. He succeeds John Coit Spooner. The noon to-day.

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term is for eighteen months.

The vote stood: Stephenson, 87; Bird (Dem.), 16; Rummell (Social Dem.), 4.

W. H. Hatten, Stephenson's opponent, announced that he would be a candidate NEW BOOKS.

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grave of a bishop too! But the Master had a wife and when Delia found out about it she wedded herself to a Highlander that she might have her revenge. Consequently she was busy with the plotting on both sides and died trying to save the man she oved and hated, schemed to ruin and ought to rescue in the end. There is strife mong the clans in the north, plotting to bring back the King from over the water. fine picture of the Dutch Prince with his French accent and more kinds of dialect

than were ever mixed up in a book before. Sometimes the reader is a bit bewildered and confused, but it is all so young, so fresh, o naïve that the general impression is one of kindly tolerance at the antics of a novice who finds such joy in the retelling of old tales. The "Master of Stair" is published by McClure, Phillips and Company

Art in Spain.

Spain, in spite of greatly improved means of communication, still remains outside the beaten track for the European traveller For many reasons this is to be regretted, so that the "Spanish Series," which Mr. Albert F. Calvert is editing and the John Lane Company publishing, and of which dozen volumes have appeared, or are promised, should be welcome, inasmuch as they point out to the tourist the treasures that are within his reach. Of the two volumes before us, that describing "The Prado" is by Albert F. Calvert and C. Gasquoine Hartley, and the account of The Escorial" by Mr. Calvert alone.

Among the great collections of paintings that in the Prado has been comparatively unvisited even by art critics, who have been ready to talk of its pictures by hearsay. was in a way a haphazard collection, but chance enabled Charles V. and Philip IV. to call at will on Titian and on Velasquez. The authors give in a brief summary of 150 pages a description of the pict ures, of which the best part is the account of Spanish painting. Then follow 221 plates, reproducing every picture o value in the collection, a fuller exposition of what the Prado contains than we have seen anywhere else. Here are thirteen pictures by Titian, twenty-one by Velasquez, eleven by Goya, and so on. The size of the volumes calls for a rather small scale; the reproductions seem to be taken from photographs of the paintings, which lose something in clearness in the reduction, but they give a fair idea of the pictures.

The description of "The Escorial" more in the nature of a guide. The brief text is followed by 278 plates, some views, but the greater portion showing the miscellaneous contents of the great palace Many of the pictures are of secondary value, but among them are a Raphael and Watteaus and Riberas and no less than eighteen Goyas.

Short Stories.

in an unusually dull season for fiction Mrs. Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews's short stories "The Militants" (Charles Scribner's Sons) stand out apart. There is a delicacy in the first tale, "The Bishop's Silence," that gives promise of better things if the author follows up that vein. There are some pleasant and enjoyable love stories. With the supernatural she is less successful All the stories are well written and sh a good breeding that is becoming painfully rare in modern light literature.
Slowly and elaborately Mr. Howard

Pyle works out his pirate tales, of which there are four, in "Stolen Treasure" (Harpers). He seems to be more attracted by the stage accessories than by the plot, and to take a mischievous delight after working up the reader's interest to dismiss the story shortly at the end. His carefully constructed antiquarian English slips often in a very quaint manner into modern colloquialisms. The stories are all of adventure, however,

and therefore entertaining. Reviewers have a painfully wide experi ence of romances of fictitious history, but we have never yet come across a production Kaufman and May Isabel Fisk (Moffat, Yard and Company, New York). The action proceeds with explosive jerks, like an automobile in trouble, from one fit of hysterics to another. The plot is confused, the English leaves much to be desired and Mr. H. C. Christy falls below his fashion plate limits

in the frontispiece. There is an ingenuous simplicity in the stories contained in Mr. P. Deming's "The Story of a Pathfinder" (Houghton, Mifflin and Company) that disarms criticism. The more interesting ones are the autobiographical sketches about the days of slavery and about the successive steps in a stenographer's career.

A Batch of Juveniles.

An entertaining picture of child life in prehistoric times, helped out with very clever illustrations and laden with substantial doses of information, is offered in "The Cave Boy of the Age of Stone," by Margaret A. McIntyre (Appletons). Toward the end the author drops fiction for didactic information and unmasks her purpose by "Suggestions to Teachers" and a bibliog-

Further supernatural adventures of the four young persons that E. Nesbit has guided through space and time in former books will be found in "The Story of the Amulet" (E. P. Dutton and Company) The archæological information is sugared thickly with nonsense and adventure. The young actors preserve their individuality, which will gratify their youth-

ful admirers. When so many of the narratives in the series of "Strange Stories From History for children, published by the Harpers, are historical records, it seems a mistake to introduce fiction. The real stories are stirring enough in themselves, while th fictitious element adds little to the interest and throws doubt on the facts. One se contains sixteen tales of "Colonial Days. Another tells the naval "Stories of 1812, and a third includes a dozen stirring "Stories of the Civil War."

With these may be grouped Mr. Charles Morris's "Heroes of the Navy in America" (J. B. Lippincott Company), which is practically an ancedotal history of the navy. It is curious to note how, notwithstanding the lapse of years and the more important later history, the exploits of 1812 still predominate in these records of naval gallantry An equine autobiography is narrated

in "Exmoor Star," by A. E. Bonser (A. S Barnes and Company). It is a not overwise specimen of the attribution to animals of the human point of view, but there is plenty of adventure for the pony hero, including training in a circus and for polo and children are not too particular.

Perhaps Mr. Tudor Jenks's "In the Days of Goldsmith" (A. S. Barnes and Company) is intended for older readers. The dragging in of contemporary events that have little to do with the subject is a mark of method on the author's part, but will not always interest the reader. The whitewashed Goldsmith that Mr. Jenks tries to present is neither so human nor so attractive a person as is pictured by Boswell and the other gossips, whose testimony

The fairy tales in 'How to Find Happy

land," by Jasmine Stone van Dresser (G. P. Putnam's Sons), are made attractive by many charming and appropriate drawings and colored pictures by Florence E. Storer. The tales are agreeable, though they are not overburdened with imagina tion and though the moral is strongly

emphasized. The English of Mabel Quiller-Couch's "The Carroll Girls" (E. P. Dutton and Company) is excellent and some of the descriptions are pretty. The story, however, is immature, with none of that knowledge of child life that even second rate English stories show, and it harps on the hateful side of several grown people needlessly, with little reference to the plot. A shiftless and heartless mother has no place in a girls' book.

Books in a series need no recommendation to readers already acquainted with their heroes. Mr. Edward Stratemeyer in "Dave Porter's Return to School" (Lee, Lothrop and Shepard Company, Boston) brings his hero back to the ordinary routine of life, though his opponents show melodramatic villainy. School sports are the predominant feature also in Mr. Clarence B. Burleigh's continuation, "Raymond Benson at Krampton's." from the same publishers. They issue likewise "Priscilla of the Doll House." three short tales, somewhat too sentimental, about little girls, by Nina Rhoades.

A thorough and admirably executed piece of work, a book of reference that will be of the greatest assistance to all students of literature, is "A Summary of the Litera-tures of Modern Europe," by Marian Edwardes (J. M. Dent and Company; E. P. Dutton and Company). Encyclopædic works on the Germanic and Romance literatures have appeared in German, with very condensed notices of works, and to these the author is indebted. Here, however, she has included the whole field of Western literature English French German Italian and Spanish, from the beginning to the year 400-the limit within which it was possible o perform her task without confusion. The whole tangled period of the origins s here digested and indexed. An account s given, in chronological order, of every work in the vernacular or in Latin that appeared in each country, with a brief statement about the author when it is possible, a summary of the contents, indications as to manuscripts and modern editions, as to gained by the ingenious use of different forms of type, and yet a remarkably beautiful page is preserved. The labor spent in compiling the book must have been enormous, out the saving in-time and trouble to other scholars will be great in proportion.

A rather unusual anthology is described by its title, "The Pocket Book of Poems and songs for the Open Air," by Edward Thomas (E. P. Dutton and Company). The basis of selection seems to be the recent outburst of enthusiasm for the road and vagabondage. Some very recent poets are brought into queer juxtaposition with very old ones and there are strange inclusions of some classics. There are a good many sea songs, with the airs, and there are old English madrigals. The selection is interesting and most of the poems are good. The book is gotten up in very attractive shape.

Many persons who will be glad to read he biography of an attractive actress will regret the tone of adulation employed by Miss Ada Patterson in "Maude Adams" Meyer Brothers and Company). Admiraion may be expressed surely with less effusion. The little book is adorned with many pictures of Miss Adams, and her head as Peter Pan" makes a pretty cover design.

Those who read Edith Harwood's Notable Pictures in Rome" (J. M. Dent and Company; E. P. Dutton and Company) will accumulate variegated information of a cultivated kind. Sometimes the author relates the story the picture represents, adding reflections of her own; sometimes she describes the picture, pointing out what it should mean; sometimes she simply quotes some other author's criticism. she notes the attribut newer criticism. There are many little pictures, but the principle on which they were selected and distributed in the book is not clear.

Books Received.

"A Nation in Arms." Field Marshal Earl Roberts.
(E. P. Dutton and Company.) "Indian Pictures and Problems." Ian Malcolm.

(E. P. Dutton and Company.)
"The Complete Dressmaker." Edited by Clara E. Laughlin. (Appletons.) "Heart Melodies." Mary Allette Ayer. (Lothrop,

Lee and Shepard Company, Boston.)
"Business and Education." Frank A. Vanderlip.
(Duffield and Company, New York.)
"The Secret Doctrine." Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, abridged by Katharine Hillard. (Mrs. Ada Gregg, Brooklyn.)
"The Seamy Side." (Percy Ives Publishing

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